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- 1. WE ARE REPEATING SEPARATELY JIDDA 5205 AND 5235 AND STATE 198035. LATTER SETS FORTH MOST RECENT USG POSITION ON YAMANI PROPOSAL.
- 2. AS USUN WILL SEE, AND CONSISTENT WITH PAST PRACTICE (SEE UNEC POSITION PAPER ON BAROODY RESOLUTION), WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO DRAW DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE YAMANI PROPOSAL AND EARLIER RESOLUTION CONFIDENTIAL

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INTRODUCED BY BAROODY. IF REPORT OF JAPANESE MISSION

CORRECT, IT APPEARS THAT YAMANI, AFTER HAVING STRAYED FROM HIS EARLIER POSITION, HAS MISCONSTRUED USG VIEWS.

3. APPARENTLY WE DID NOT MAKE SUFFICIENTLY EXPLICIT OUR OPPOSITION (A) TO ENLARGING THE GROUP OF COUNTRIES THAT WOULD BE MEETING OR (B) BROADENING THE SUBJECT TO INCLUDE OTHER COMMODITIES (C.F. PARA 1, STATE 198035). WHILE WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN EXPLORING ALL IDEAS FOR IMPROVING PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE, WE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY MAJOR ENLARGEMENT OF PROPOSED GROUP OF COUNTRIES. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT TO HAVE CHANCE OF BEING PRODUCTIVE SUCH A CONFERENCE SHOULD BE SMALL AND AS LOW KEY AS POSSIBLE.

SIMILARLY, WE BELIEVE ANY SUCH CONFERENCE SHOULD FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON OIL, AND WE WOULD NOT, THEREFORE, FAVOR EXPANDING SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE TO INCLUDE OTHER COMMODITIES.

4. FURTHER COMMENT AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED USUN 3487 (NOTAL) TO FOLLOW. INGERSOLL

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